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SRI S. VEMIAH :—" Sir, may I know the number of persons belonging to the scheduled castes and scheduled tribes and backward communities affected on account of this retrenchment? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I presume the question is about the backward communities police constables. The retrenchment does not affect the community as such; but if the question is about the number of backward community police constables, who may have been retrenched, then I may say it is possible they may share these retrenchments in common with others."

Supply of electricity to Yellamanchili, Visakhapatnam district.

* 398 *Q.*—SRI P. BAPU NAIDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the present stage of the Electricity Supply Scheme to Yellamanchili in Visakhapatnam District?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" A revised scheme for extension of supply of electricity to Yellamanchili and other surrounding villages in Visakhapatnam District has recently been submitted to the Government and it is being considered."

SRI P. BAPU NAIDU :—" ఎన్నాళ్ళలో పని మొదలు పెడతారండి."

9-30 a.m. THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" It is being scrutinised in the Electricity Department."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" Sir, the question is since how many days the matter is under consideration and within how many days we can expect the work to be started? ".

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Sir, this kind of question is too frequent on the floor of the Legislative Assembly and it is difficult for me to answer such questions as 'how many days will it take; when was it started' and so on. I have stated that it is under the consideration of the Government."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" May I submit to the Chair, Sir, that the answer now given by the Hon. Minister for Public Works affects one of the privileges of this House. There is no use of the Hon. Minister getting irritated. He has got the papers in his hands; he knows when exactly it was investigated and at what stage the investigation is and so on. And, if hon. Members put questions he is simply saying that the matter is under investigation. Will you tell him, Sir, that it is not a satisfactory answer, when he can say from the papers in his hands in what time the work can me started. On the other hand, the Hon. Minister says, 'this kind of question is too frequent in this House'. It is a general aspersion he is making which we do not like. We want the Hon. Minister to apply his mind and kindly tell us when he expects the work to be started when he knows that it has been investigated. It is after all a simple question."

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THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I have already submitted, Sir, that the scheme is under scrutiny in the Electricity Department and I said that it is not possible for me to say how long it will take. If the hon. Member is not satisfied with the answer, I cannot help it."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir, if the Hon. Minister says that the Government are not in a position to say when the scheme will be completed, even though that answer is not satisfactory we will take it that is the way in which the Government function to-day and we have no quarrel with the Hon. Minister. But, when the Minister prefaces his reply with a statement that such questions are frequent in this House, it is to that particular statement that we take very serious objection, Sir, because hon. Members of this House are entitled to know when the particular schemes that have been sanctioned, or are under consideration, will be completed, so that people in the State could know certain things about them. When we ask for specific information there is no point in the Hon. Minister getting annoyed and saying that such questions are being asked again and again."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" May I appeal for a sense of humour, Sir."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" That sense of humour must be on both sides."

Libraries started by the Rural Welfare Department.

* 399 *Q.*—SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of libraries started in the State by the Rural Welfare Department ; and

(*b*) the number of such libraries in the Cuddapah district and the recurring expenditure incurred annually for maintaining them?

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" (*a*) 25 Firka Central Libraries and 674 Branch Libraries have been started in the selected areas in the State by the Rural Welfare Department.

" (*b*) One Central Library and 23 branch libraries are in the Cuddapah district.

The recurring expenditure incurred annually for maintaining the Firka Central Library and the Branch Libraries in the Cuddapah district is—

	RS.	A.	P.
1948–49	1,380	7	0
1949–50	1,598	14	0
1950–51	1,605	0	6
1951–52	1,637	3	0 "